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Applicant:	Stephen T. Sonis	Art Unit:	1617
Serial No.:	10/005,642	Examiner:	Shengjun Wang
Filed:	December 5, 2001	Customer No.:	21559
Title:	TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY ORAL DISEASES WITH A COMBINATION OF INHIBITORS OF TNF- α AND IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS		

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. Enclosed is a reply that is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 24, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$395.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §

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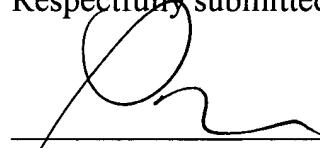
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1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination.

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